

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:254  
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EXPANSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether G-4 nations except Japan have taken a decision to move a motion in the UN General Assembly for reconsideration of the issue of expansion of the Security Council and increasing the number of permanent members therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for Japan not joining other nations in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)-(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (a) - (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 254 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8-3-2006 REGARDING 'EXPANSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL'

(a)-(c) The G-4 countries, namely, Brazil, Germany, Japan and India, had introduced a framework resolution for the reform and expansion of the UN Security Council on 6 July, 2005 during the last (59th) Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). The resolution, inter alia, proposes an expansion of the Security Council from the present 15 members to 25 members, by addition of 6 permanent and 4 non-permanent members. The resolution had generated very wide support among UN member states in the 59th UNGA Session. The resolution lapsed at the end of the 59th UNGA Session in September 2005. At their meetings during the World Summit held in New York in September, 2005, the G-4 countries had re-affirmed solidarity and agreed to carry forward their initiative.

After consultations within the G-4, Brazil, Germany and India re-tabled the G-4 resolution during the current (60th) Session of UNGA on 5 January 2006. Even though Japan has decided not to join the re-tabling for the present, it has been positively involved in the consultations within the G-4, both before and after the re-tabling of the G-4 resolution, in the cooperative framework of the G-4. In this regard, a particular mention may be made of the useful discussions during the visit of the Foreign Minister of Japan to India on 3-4 January 2006. The Government of India continues its engagement within the G-4 and with other member states on the issue of the reform and expansion of the UN Security Council, which is central to the process of the reform of the United Nations.